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GRATINGS TO STRUCTURAL MEMBERS

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Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Replacement Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111; and
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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2001 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant requests that the following be entered into the file of the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

7. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for securing a grating sheet to structural members, the grating sheet including an upper and lower surface, the apparatus comprising:

a top plate for mounting on the upper surface of the grating sheet, the top plate having a hole therein and upper and lower surfaces;

a bottom plate having an [slot] opening, the bottom plate being sized and shaped for attaching to the structural member in a laterally extending direction for supporting the grating sheet; and

[engaging means] a securing mechanism extending between the upper surface of the top plate and the opening of the bottom plate for clamping the top plate and bottom

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